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WHILE GENERAL MEDIA VIEW OF INDO-CHINA REMAINS UNCHANGED
(SEE LAOS 3865) BYLINER IN APR. 28 TIMES INTERNATIONAL (INDE-
PENDENT, 30,000 CIRC.) EXPRESSED MORE SYMPATHETIC VIEWPOINT.

ARTICLE BY JOHN DUMOGA ENTITLED "SHOULD KISSINGER BE
SACRIFICED FOR INDO-CHINA" SAID:

"THE SIMPLICISTS OF AMERICA ARE WRINGING THEIR HANDS,
COMPLAINING THAT NO ONE WILL BELIEVE AMERICA AGAIN BECAUSE
OF THE SUDDEN CATASTROPHIC COLLAPSE OF THE REGIMES IN CAMBODIA
AND SOUTH VIETNAM IN THE FACE OF OVERWHELMING FORCE BY FAR
SUPERIOR, MORE DISCIPLINED AND FANATICAL COMMUNIST FORCES OF
THE KHMER ROUGE AND NORTH VIETNAM RESPECTIVELY.

"THIS AMERICAN PROPENSITY FOR SELF-BLAME CAN BE JUST
AS DANGEROUS AS HEEDLESSNESS OR IRRESPONSIBILITY, PARTICULARLY
WHEN IT EMANATES FROM THE RANKS OF SENIOR ADVISERS OF THE
ADMINISTRATION, CONGRESSMEN, AND EVEN TOP OFFICIALS OF THE STATE
DEPARTMENT.

"THE PRINCIPAL TARGET OF THIS HAND-WRINGING IS THE SUPERSTATES-
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MAN HENRY KISSINGER, WHO HAD WORKED FOR A NUMBER OF

YEARS AS A CONSULTANT ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS".

STORY MENTIONS KISSINGERS TRIUMPHS ("...HE MASTERMINDED SOME OF THE MOST BRILLIANT DIPLMATIC COUPS OF THE NIXON YEARS, INCLUDING THE SECRET VISITS TO PEKING....NO LESS BRILLIANT WAS THE LAUNCHING OF THE DETENTE POLICY BETWEEN MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON... FIRST MAJOR DIPLOMATIC TEST OF DR. KISSINGER...WAS THE NEGOTIATIONS CONNECTED WITH THE ARAB-ISRAELI WAR OF OCTOBER 1973," ETC.)

"IT WAS NO FAULT OF DR. KISSINGER, THE REALIST, THAT THE AMERICAN PUBLIC WAS DECEIVED BY THEIR LEADERS FOR ALMOST TWO DECADES ABOUT THE REASONS WHY AMERICA WENT TO INDOCHINA IN THE FIRST PLACE. THIS DECEIT WAS CARRIED OUT SYSTEMATICALLY UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF NO LESS THAN FOUR PRESIDENTS - EISENHOWER, JOHN KENNEDY, LYNDON JOHNSON AND RICHARD NIXON.

"..SOME AERICAN POLICY MAKERS...INSIST, THAT THE REFUSAL OF CONGRESS TO GRANT PRESIDENT FORD NEW FUNDS TO PROVIDE MILITARY HELP FOR BOTH CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIETNAM CONSTITUTED A "CLEAR MESSAGE TO THE WORLD, OF THE ABJECT SURRENDER OF THE UNITED STATES".

"OF COURSE, ALL THIS HAND-WRIGING IS ALL NONSENSE. THESE CRITICS AND DETRACTORS OF DR. KISSINGER WOULD LIKE TO SEE HIM PUSHED OUT OGTHE JOB OF SECREARY OF STATE FOR HIS PART IN THE VIETNAM AND CAMBODIAN TRAGEDIES AND ALSO YHR TEMPORARY STALEMATE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THIS, SURELY, IS A WRONG ATTITUDE TO TAKE."

HOWEVER, ANOTHER ARTICLE IN SAME ISSUE OF TIMES INTERNATIONAL, HEADLINED "INDO-CHINA: HOW TO ABANDON ALLIES," DESCRIBES FALL OF CAMBODIA, U.S. EVACUATION, SAYS:

"THE FALL OF CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIETNAM SHOULD SERVE AS A LESSON TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ABOUT THE DANGER OF DEPENDING ON OTHER NATIONS FOR THEIR SURVIVAL. THE POINT IS THAT NO COUNTRY WOULD RISK GOING TO THE AID OF ITS SO-CALLED ALLIES UNLESS SUCH ASSISTANCE WILL PROMOTE ITS OWN NATIONAL INTEREST.

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"THE UNITED STATES ABANDONED LON NOL AND THIEU BECAUSE WASHINGTONS NATIONAL INTEREST AND PUBLIC OPINION IN THE UNITED STATES NO LONGER WANTED ANYTHING TO DO WITH CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIETNAM."
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